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SUBJECT:VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR ENRICHED URANIUM

REFERENCES: A) STATE 173994; B) CARACAS 8159

1. ERDA (HELFRICH) HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JULY 28 FROM

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TABORDA ENCLOSING COPY OF LATTER'S JULY 27 LETTER TO
EKLUND, WHICH CHANGES IVIC REQUEST FOR AGENCY ASSISTANCE AND
SPECIFIES 20 PERCENT INSTEAD OF 93 PERCENT ENRICHMENT.
(COPIES OF LETTERS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.) LETTER
TO EKLUND STRESSES GOV SUPPORT OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND
DESIRE TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES OF FRIENDLY NATIONS DESIGNED
TO PROMOTE NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES, ESPECIALLY BETTER

CONTROLOF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS. EXPRESSING VIEW THAT USE OF SLIGHTLY RATHER THAN HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM IS PREFERABLE, WHEN TECHNICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, LETTER STATES WISH TO CHANGE ORIGINAL REQUEST AND SPECIFIES 20 PERCENT ENRICHMENT (13,500 GRAMS TOTAL URANIUM CONTAINING 2700 GRAMS U-235).

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE TABORDA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS THAT U.S. WELCOMES GOV DECISION AS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS AND CONCRETE

ILLUSTRATION OF GOV AWARENESS OF NEED TO MINIMIZE UTILIZATION OF WEAPONS-USABLE MATERIALS IN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR APPLICATIONS.

3. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED INFORM GOV THAT IN VIEW GOV DESIRE TO OBTAIN SOME MATERIAL AS GIFT, U.S. IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SUPPLY OF THE REQUESTED 20 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM UNDER US-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, U.S. WOULD EXPECT ANY MATERIAL SUPPLIED UNDER IAEA AGREEMENT TO BE MADE SUBJECT ALSO TO CONTROLS CORRESPONDING TO RETRANSFER, REPROCESSING, AND BACKUP SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS OF U.S.-VENEZUELA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. BEST MECHANISMS MIGHT BE FOR TRILATERAL SUPPLY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT TO REFER TO SUCH PROVISIONS. IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TO BE A SPECIFIC UNDERTAKING (NOW STANDARD IN IAEA AGREEMENTS) AGAINST USE OF SUPPLIED MATERIAL FOR ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, AS WELL AS REQUIREMENT FOR VENEZUELA AND U.S. TO AGREE ON PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES.

4. EMBASSY PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER GOV WISHES PROCEED AS INDICATED PARA 3.

5. MISSION REQUESTED DISCUSS MATTER WITH IAEA. IF GOV WISHES, AND IF TIME PERMITS IAEA PREPARATION AND TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS DOCUMENT REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL FOR DG TO NEGOTIATE SUPPLY AGREEMENT, U.S. FAVORS SUBMISSION TO SEPTEMBER BOARD OR POST-GC MEETING. ASSUME BOARD DOCUMENT WOULD REFER TO NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY BILATERAL CONTROLS (FOREGOING PARA 3), IN LIGHT OF CURRENT U.S. NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICIES.

6. ADVISE. VANCE

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